

# 2 Peter Series

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**Growth to Maturity**  
**2 Peter 1:5–7**



**2<sup>nd</sup> PETER**

**Guard Against False Teachers**

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**δύναμις *dunamis***

**fem sing gen**

**power, strength, might,  
capability; omnipotence**

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**ζωή *zoe* fem sing acc life, living, way of life  
εὐσέβεια *eusebeia* fem sing acc godliness,  
piety; religion**

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**Rom. 8:29, “For whom He knew before hand, He also foreordained to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”**

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**ἀποφεύγω *apopheugo***

**aor act part (causal) masc**

**plur nom**

**to escape, run away**

**2 Pet. 2:18, “For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.”**

**2 Pet. 2:20, “For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.”**

**Jude 12–13, “These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.”**



**Eph. 2:1, “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,”**

**Col. 2:13, “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,”**

**Eph. 4:18, “having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;”**

**1 John 2:16, “For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.”**

**Gen. 3:6, “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”**

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**σπουδή *spoude***

**fem sing acc haste;  
speed; zeal; pursuit;  
exertion; study**

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**ἐν τῇ πίστει ὑμῶν *en te pistei humon***

**“by means of your faith”**

**by means of your faith add virtue**

**Gal. 3:5, “Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—”**



# Sorites

**Peter presents his virtue list by using a literary device, fashionable during the period, called sorite (or climax, ladder; gradatio, gradation).**

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**faith, belief, trust;**

**“by means of your faith”**

**by means of your faith add virtue**

**ἀρετή *arete* fem sing acc  
spiritual excellence**

**Phil. 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”**

**1 Pet. 2:9, “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises [moral excellence] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”**

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**γνῶσις *gnosis* fem sing acc knowledge**

**1 Tim. 6:20, “O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—”**

**2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”**

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**ἐγκράτεια *egkrateia*, self-control, self-restraint, abstinence**

**Acts 24:25, “Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, ‘Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.’ ”**

**Gal. 5:23, “gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”**



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**ὑπομονή *hupomone* fem sing acc endurance; staying**

**Rom. 5:3, “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;**

**Rom. 5:4, “and perseverance, character; and character, hope.”**

**James 1:3, “knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.”**

**James 1:4, “But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”**

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**εὐσέβεια *eusebeia* fem sing acc  
godliness, spiritual maturity;  
Christlikeness, devout spirituality**

**2 Pet. 1:7, “to godliness brotherly  
kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.”**

**φιλαδελφία *philadelphia*  
fem sing acc brotherly love**

**ἀγάπη *agape* fem sing acc love; divine love**

**John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

**John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

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